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1. Since December 1950 the Kuomintang (KMT) has spent approximately R 200,000 and the Overseas Chinese General Association (OCGA) approximately R 650,000 in their struggle to gain control of the Chung Hwa School in Siantar. These figures include bribery of Indonesian Government and Police officials and miscellaneous expenses. On the KMT side, SIE Aik Phang (SHIH I-p'eng -) and ONG Ching Han have contributed R 100,000 and R 20,000 respectively of their own money. Neither the KMT nor the OCGA have any receipts for their expenditures.
2. Both groups are tired of the struggle; the OCGA, disgusted at the amount of money spent without results, is willing to drop the issue and allow the KMT to retain control of the school. Recently, the Siantar KMT has had little success in collecting funds to continue the battle. Chinese throughout Sumatra East Coast feel the Indonesian authorities will let the case go on indefinitely to prolong their extra income.
3. At the 14 November 1951 hearing of the Chung Hwa case, Judge Sinaga of the Siantar Court asked one KMT leader how much the Siantar KMT would pay for a favorable decision. Sinaga refused an offer of R 10,000. He demanded and received R 15,000. However, the Siantar OCGA is thought to have paid Sinaga about R 25,000 to delay the final decision. The 14 November hearing was not final, although the KMT was given possession of the school. Sinaga has called another hearing for 12 December 1951. Sinaga has purchased a new house in Siantar and intends to purchase a new car.

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